

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**DHHR to Host Public Hearing on Proposed Source Water Protection Plans for City of Wheeling Water.**

**CHARLESTON, W.Va.** – The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Public Health's Office of Environmental Health Services will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 14, 2106, to discuss draft Source Water Protection Plans for City of Wheeling Water, City of Cameron and Hammond PSD.

The intent of a Source Water Protection Plan is to identify strategies to minimize potential threats to source water and prepare for spills or other emergencies that could affect water service. If approved, the Plan would be valid for three years.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Wheeling City Building, 1500 Chapline St., Wheeling, WV.

Public comments, which will be considered by DHHR during the review process, may be submitted during the September 14 hearing or in writing via mail, fax or email. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues being raised. Issues should be kept relevant to the draft plan.

Persons interested in submitting comments may do so by using one of the following means:

- U.S. Mail: West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health, Office of Environmental Health, 350 Capitol Street, Room 313, Charleston, WV 25301-3713 Attn: Source Water Protection Program
- Fax: 304-558-4322 with "Protection Plan Comments" written near the top
- Email: [EEDSourceWaterProtection@wv.gov](mailto:EEDSourceWaterProtection@wv.gov) with "Protection Plan Comments" in the subject line

Questions regarding how to submit comments for the public hearing may be directed to (304) 356-4270.

To download a copy of City of Wheeling Water Source Water Protection Plan, visit <http://www2.wheelingwater.com>.

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